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To: Darren Cross, McKenzie River District Ranger

This letter establishes a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Survey and Assessment Team for the Terwilliger Fire. This team will report directly to the Willamette Forest Supervisor, with the McKenzie District Ranger acting as my representative as needed. The BAER Team Leader will be Fred Levitan, BAER Coordinator for the Willamette National Forest and Team Leader Trainee will be Kate Meyer, District Fish Biologist for the McKenzie River Ranger District.

The primary objective of the BAER Team is to identify imminent post-wildfire threats to human life and safety, property and critical natural or cultural resources and take immediate actions to manage unacceptable risk. It is expected that the BAER Team complete a comprehensive burned area assessment within seven days of containment. The potential effects of this fire to public safety, slope stability and erosion, aquatic and riparian habitats, threatened and endangered species, roads and culverts, noxious weeds, recreational areas, downstream resources, and cultural resources need to be evaluated.

The BAER team is to coordinate with other agencies as appropriate. Examples are the Army Corps of Engineers, National Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Office personnel, land owners, and local governments.

A clear delineation needs to be maintained between suppression-related repair items (charged directly to the fire) and those emergency response actions associated with the fire itself (charged to BAER). I expect the BAER Team Leader(s) to work with Resource Advisors and the Incident Management Team to ensure proper communication through transition of efforts from suppression to repair to post-fire emergency response (BAER). As part of this emergency survey effort, The BAER team is to report back to the Forest a summary of any long-term restoration concerns or needs identified during the survey process.

The BAER team shall adhere to all pertinent safety requirements and to employ proper procedures when entering and leaving the fire area. Coordination with Incident Command is critical to making sure everyone is safe and accounted for at all times.



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